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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT RESUMED SESSION 31ST AND

32ND REGULAR SESSION UNGA

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- 1. EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED FRANCIS, DIRECTOR, UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF) ABOUT LIKELY HIGH-LEVEL CANADIAN ATTENDANCE AT RESUMED SESSION OF 31ST UNGA AND AT 32ND REGULAR UNGA SESSION (REFTEL). HIS RESPONSE WAS UNSPECIFIC SINCE HE INDICATED EXTAFF UNLIKELY TO HAVE FIRM LIST OF SENIOR ATTENDEES UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE RESPECTIVE EVENTS.
- 2. FRANCIS DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT GOC NOW DEBATING WHETHER TO HAVE CIEC CO-CHAIRMAN MACEACHEN LEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION TO RESUMED SESSION OF 31ST UNGA. QUESTION, FRANCIS SAID, IS "WHETHER IT IS WORTH IT" TO SEND THAT HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION.
- 3. FRANCIS NOTED THAT MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JAMIESON WILL PROBABLY LEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION TO 32ND SESSION, ARRIVING SHORTLY BEFORE SEPT. 26. HE ADDED "THIS ASSUMING WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DON'T HAVE ELECTIONS." BEGIN FYI: THERE ARE STRONG RUMORS HERE THAT PM TRUDEAU MAY CALL NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR THE FALL. IF THIS HAPPENS, JAMIESON, A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE POLITICIAN, PRESUMABLY WILL BE IN THE THICK OF THE CAMPAIGN AND MAY NOT GO TO NEW YORK. END FYI. FRANCIS SAID THAT GOC DELEGATION MAY ALSO INCLUDE EXTAFF UNDER-SECRETARY GOTLIEB.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT, AS IN PAST, LEADER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TO 32ND UNGA WILL WANT BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY AND THAT SCHEDULING WILL BE COORDINATED BY DEPARTMENT AND US AND CANADIAN MISSIONS IN NEW YORK. SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY GOC REP.

5. WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PM TRUDEAU WILL ATTEND UNGA. ENDERS

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